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SUBJECT: RE-EVALUATION OF USG PARTICIPATION IN FIFTH UNCTAD
IPG ON INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT

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1. IN EFFORT DEVELOP INFO REQUESTED REFTEL ECON OFF MET
WITH JUAN MUSSO, VICE-MANAGER OF SALES OF THE GOVERNMENT-
OWNED SHIPPING LINE, COMPANIA PERUANA DE VAPORES (CPV), WHO
WAS ONE OF PERU'S REPRESENTATIVES AT FOURTH IPG IN NOV 1977.
(CAPT. ALFONSO PANIZO, THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVE, MENTIONED
REFTEL, HAS BEEN REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER POSITION WITHIN
PERUVIAN NAVY.)

2. MUSSON STATED THAT PERU'S OBJECTIVE IN IPG IS DEVELOPMENT
OF A DRAFT CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT
THAT WOULD BE IN HARMONY WITH AND PERHAPS ASSIST PERU'S
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PLANS TO CONVERT PORTS TO CONTAINERIZATION. MUSSO NOTED THAT
AT PRESENT PERU HAS NO CAPABILITY TO HANDLE CONTAINERIZED
OR ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF CARGOS. HOWEVER, GOP IS AWARE OF
NEED TO DEVELOP THIS CAPACITY AND MUSSO INDICATED THAT
GOP WANTS MT CONVENTION THAT WILL NOT HINDER THIS
TRANSITION. HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED CONVENTION SHOULD
CONTAIN SOME PUBLIC LAW PROVISIONS.

3. MUSSO, WHO NOTED THAT NOVEMBER IPG SESSION WAS FIRST HE HAD ATTENDED, ADMITTED UNFAMILIARITY WITH PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN IPG AND COULD PROVIDE ONLY VAGUE APPRAISAL OF LIKELIHOOD OF PROGRESS AT NEXT SESSION. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ISSUE WAS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE SO ALL PARTIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD DEVELOPING DRAFT CONVENTION.

4. MUSSO EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT US MIGHT CONSIDER WITHDRAWING FROM NEGOTIATIONS. HE FELT THIS WOULD REDUCE CHANCES TO ACHIEVE A DRAFT CONVENTION, WHICH, AS NOTED ABOVE, HE BELIEVES IS NECESSARY FROM PERU'S POINT OF VIEW.

5. COMMENT: MUSSO DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE STRONG GRASP ON THIS ISSUE. ALTHOUGH HE SEEMS TO SUPPORT INCLUSION OF PUBLIC LAW PROVISIONS IN DRAFT CONVENTION, HE DID NOT RESORT TO THIRD-WORLD RHETORIC. THUS, WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN PERUVIAN SUPPORT FOR US POSITION AT UPCOMING IPG SESSION, IF USG DECIDES TO CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE.

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